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Remarks

The merits of the invention have been explained to the Examiner in the previous response, the remarks of which are herein incorporated by reference into this submission.

By their amendments, the applicants have more clearly directed the claims to the processes set described with reference to Figures 19 and 20. The structure defined in claim 1 is not disclosed in Ohja, and the novel steps and structure set forth lead to a high quality product not obtainable in the prior art. In particular, the prior art does not disclose the nitride layers, neither does it disclose inserting the structure into the diffusion tubes at the elevated stabilization temperatures as set forth in the claims.

Reconsideration and allowance are therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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